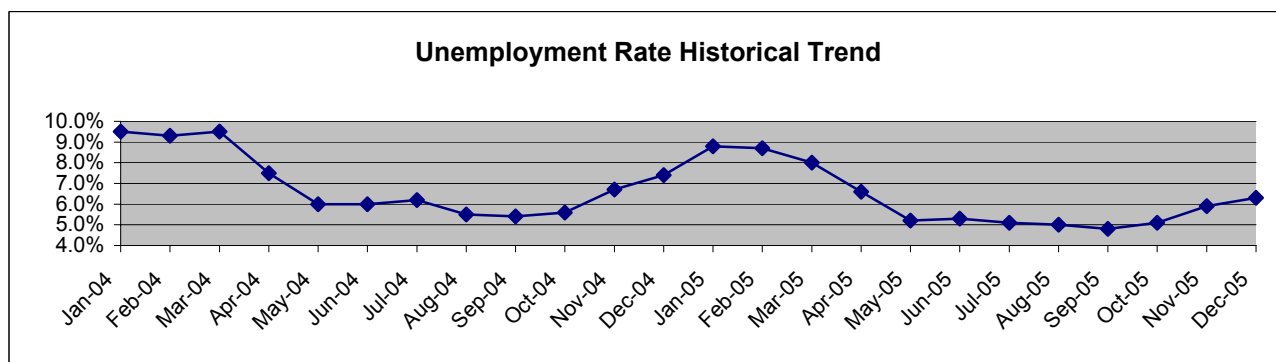


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SANTA CRUZ-WATSONVILLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Santa Cruz County)

The unemployment rate in Santa Cruz County was 6.3 percent in December 2005, up from a revised 5.9 percent in November 2005, but below the year-ago estimate of 7.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2005	Dec-2005	Change		Dec-2004	Dec-2005	Change
Total Jobs	103,600	101,300	(2,300)		98,700	101,300	2,600
Farm Jobs	6,100	3,900	(2,200)		4,400	3,900	(500)
Nonfarm Jobs	97,500	97,400	(100)		94,300	97,400	3,100
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	5,900	6,000	100		5,500	6,000	500
Manufacturing	7,900	7,800	(100)		7,500	7,800	300
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,700	20,000	300		19,400	20,000	600
Information	2,000	2,000	0		1,900	2,000	100
Financial Activities	4,000	4,000	0		3,700	4,000	300
Professional and Business Services	9,600	9,700	100		9,100	9,700	600
Educational and Health Services	11,000	11,100	100		11,600	11,100	(500)
Leisure and Hospitality	11,400	11,400	0		10,800	11,400	600
Other Services	3,900	3,900	0		3,800	3,900	100
Government	22,100	21,500	(600)		21,000	21,500	500

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Santa Cruz-Watsonville MSA

Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2004 Benchmark

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Dec 04	Oct 05	Nov 05 Revised	Dec 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	144,300	150,200	148,900	147,900	-0.7%	2.5%
Civilian Employment	133,600	142,500	140,100	138,700	-1.0%	3.8%
Civilian Unemployment	10,700	7,700	8,800	9,300	5.7%	-13.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.4%	5.1%	5.9%	6.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%		
Total, All Industries (2)	98,700	105,400	103,600	101,300	-2.2%	2.6%
Total Farm	4,400	7,700	6,100	3,900	-36.1%	-11.4%
Total Nonfarm	94,300	97,700	97,500	97,400	-0.1%	3.3%
Total Private	73,300	75,700	75,400	75,900	0.7%	3.5%
Goods Producing	13,000	13,900	13,800	13,800	0.0%	6.2%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	5,500	6,000	5,900	6,000	1.7%	9.1%
Manufacturing	7,500	7,900	7,900	7,800	-1.3%	4.0%
Durable Goods	4,100	4,200	4,200	4,100	-2.4%	0.0%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	1,800	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	16.7%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	-13.0%
Nondurable Goods	3,400	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	8.8%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	2,400	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	12.5%
Residual-Textile Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	81,300	83,800	83,700	83,600	-0.1%	2.8%
Private Service Producing	60,300	61,800	61,600	62,100	0.8%	3.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,400	19,300	19,700	20,000	1.5%	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	3,500	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	5.7%
Retail Trade	14,500	14,400	14,800	15,000	1.4%	3.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	3,500	3,900	4,000	4,000	0.0%	14.3%
General Merchandise Stores	1,900	1,600	1,800	1,900	5.6%	0.0%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	9,100	8,900	9,000	9,100	1.1%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,300	8.3%	-7.1%
Information	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	5.3%
Financial Activities	3,700	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	8.1%
Finance and Insurance	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	30.8%
Professional and Business Services	9,100	9,600	9,600	9,700	1.0%	6.6%
Educational and Health Services	11,600	11,100	11,000	11,100	0.9%	-4.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	10,800	11,900	11,400	11,400	0.0%	5.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,700	2,200	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	17.6%
Accommodation and Food Service	9,100	9,700	9,300	9,400	1.1%	3.3%
Accommodation	1,400	1,700	1,600	1,600	0.0%	14.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	7,700	8,000	7,700	7,800	1.3%	1.3%
Other Services	3,800	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
Government	21,000	22,000	22,100	21,500	-2.7%	2.4%
Federal Government	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
State and Local Government	20,500	21,500	21,600	21,000	-2.8%	2.4%
State Government	7,400	7,800	8,000	7,600	-5.0%	2.7%
State Government Education	6,800	7,200	7,400	7,000	-5.4%	2.9%
Other State Government	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,100	13,700	13,600	13,400	-1.5%	2.3%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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